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### The Aging and Disability Resource Center Program

The Aging and Disability Resource Center Program (ADRC) is a collaborative effort of the [Administration on Aging \(AoA\)](#) and the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#). ADRCs serve as single points of entry into the long-term supports and services system for older adults and people with disabilities. Sometimes referred to as a "one stop shops" or "no wrong door" systems, ADRCs address many of the frustrations consumers and their families experience when trying to find needed information, services, and supports. Through integration or coordination of existing aging and disability service systems, ADRC programs raise visibility about the full range of options that are available, provide objective information, advice, counseling and assistance, empower people to make informed decisions about their long term supports, and help people more easily access public and private long term supports and services programs.

AoA and CMS originally funded 43 States and Territories to develop ADRC programs between 2003-2005. In September 2009, \$11 million in grants were awarded to 49 States and Territories to implement or expand the Aging and Disability Resource Center Program. To learn more about the 2009 grantees, please visit the [ADRC Page on the AoA website](#).

Register with the Aging & Disability Resource Center Technical Assistance Exchange, an initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration on Aging, at <http://www.adrc-tae.org/tiki-index.php?page=HomePage>.

### New Funding Opportunities

Each year, Congress appropriates funds for use by AoA and the other Federal Agencies in carrying out their mission. AoA provides grant funding to States and Territories, recognized Native American Tribes and Hawaiian Americans, as well as nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and academic institutions. Individuals are not eligible to apply for AoA funding.

### 2010 Program and Funding Announcement

Implementing the Affordable Care Act: Making it Easier for Individuals to Navigate their Health and Long-Term Care through Person-Centered Systems of Information, Counseling and Access

The Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will jointly award up to \$60 million in formula and competitive grants through this Program Announcement. There are four distinct funding opportunities being made available under this Announcement. The first opportunity makes formula funds available to States, Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs) and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) to provide outreach and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries on their Medicare benefits including prevention.

The Announcement also includes two competitive funding opportunities that are available to all existing ADRC grantees - one to strengthen ADRC Options Counseling and Assistance Programs, the other to strengthen the role of ADRCs in Evidence-Based Care Transition Models that integrate the medical and social service systems to help older individuals and those with disabilities remain in their own homes and communities after a hospital, rehabilitation or skilled nursing facility visit. Finally, for existing Money Follows the Person (MFP) State grantees, there is an opportunity to compete for supplemental administrative funds that can be used to strengthen the capacity of existing ADRCs to participate in Nursing Home Transitions and Diversions Programs.

For those new to the AoA grants management environment, the Overview section provides a brief profile of the types of grant instruments used to fund programs, the procedures applicants must follow in applying for these grants and the reporting which is required of recipients. Read the program announcement on [AoA's Funding Opportunities page](#) for more information.

## Opportunities

These grants may provide an opportunity to develop or enhance your strategies for program partnerships and sustainability. Decide if compatible with your TBI program, and share with your partners working to improve outcomes of individuals with TBI.

If you have not connected with your State's Aging and Disability Resource Center, now may be the time as ADRCs may be seeking partners and/or contracting entities when applying for new funding opportunities. The benefit of such partnerships was highlighted in the 04/26/10 TBISERV Idea Spotlight featuring the Maryland MFP Demonstration Project, a partnership between the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (designated TBI Lead Agency) and CMS. As a result of the partnership, the State of Maryland gained valuable data which lead to improved access and services and supports for individuals with TBI.

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